

March 21, 2001

The Honorable John D. Dingell
United States House of Representatives
2328 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Dingell:

Families USA strongly endorses H.R. 526, the "Bipartisan Patient Protection Act of 2001."

As you well know, American consumers are very anxious about changes that have occurred in our health care system. In particular, they believe that many health plans are more worried about their own bottom line than about the care they provide to enrollees.

Your bill clearly and comprehensively addresses the real concerns that consumers have. Under current law, the consumers are subject to a patchwork of protections depending on where they live or where they work. Your bill sets up a system of protections that will be applicable to everyone.

We look forward to working with you as this bill makes its way through the legislative process. Do not hesitate to call on us for assistance.

Sincerely,



Ron Pollack
Executive Director